

Dlíscéala

For friends, students and alumni

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Chief Justices Visit Law School



Sir Declan Morgan, the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, and Ms. Justice Susan Denham, the Chief Justice of Ireland, at the School of Law Annual Distinguished Lecture 2015 (see inside pages 14 & 15).



New Staff Join School

(L to R) New full-time members of staff Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti and Dr Connie Healy who joined the School of Law in the past year (see inside page 6)

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School of Law
Newsletter



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Welcome from Head of School

Dear Friends,

I hope you enjoy the third issue of *Dliscéala*, the annual newsletter of the School of Law, NUI Galway, compiled by my colleague, Michael Coyne.

In the past year we have welcomed two new permanent academic staff members, Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti and Dr Connie Healy, bringing to six the number of new full-time academic staff recruited by the School of Law since the end of 2013.

As you will see in the pages that follow, we have had another busy and successful year with plenty of good news for our students, staff and graduates.

In the past year we have introduced a number of important reforms to our programmes which include: turning the Bachelor of Corporate Law programme, which started in 1993, into a four-year, stand-alone degree; moving the LLB to the daytime; and creating three specialist denominations for the LLM in Public Law.

Our doctoral programme has, yet again, enjoyed considerable success with five of our doctoral candidates being awarded Irish Research Council scholarships. This builds on the success of the two previous years and is a great credit to the successful candidates and their supervisors.

Our two main Centres – the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the Centre for Disability Law & Policy – have each had another great year building on strong and impressive records of achievement and success.

We continue to grow our international links and have expanded significantly the number of students participating in non-Erasmus exchanges in countries such as China, Canada, Australia and the US.

I have endeavoured, since taking up office as Head of School in May 2013, to connect at intervals with our graduate community by inviting them to events hosted by the School of Law or sending them videos of such events later. It has been gratifying to receive messages from graduates affirming, supporting and encouraging the work of colleagues – past and present – in the School of Law and offering to assist the School in various ways. This year, it was especially gratifying to welcome alumni to events such as the symposium to mark the launch of the Kevin Boyle archive and the Annual Distinguished Lecture and I hope that this level of contact continues to grow.

Professor Donncha O'Connell,

Head of School

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Student Activities

NUIG Law Society 2015-2016

The student Law Society has an almost entirely new committee for the academic year 2015-2016. It is assisting the School of Law with first year inductions and has a busy schedule of meetings and activities planned for the year, including important charitable work in the developing world providing legal assistance in the area of succession law.



Back row (L to R): Niamh Gallagher, Ciaran Lynch, David Bromell, Andrew Barr, Donal Campbell
Front row (L to R): Pauric O' Connor, Grace Kennedy (Treasurer), Darren Reilly (Auditor), Jessica Richter (Vice-Auditor), Mary Kerrigan

Law Student Wins Prestigious Fellowship

Mahmoud Abukhadir, a graduate of the B Corp Law and LLB programmes, was awarded the prestigious Thomas Addis Emmet Fellowship 2015. Each year, the Free Legal Advice Centres (FLAC), in conjunction with the University of Washington, Seattle, sends an Irish law student as the Thomas Addis Fellow to Seattle for two months to get first-hand experience in human rights and public interest cases. The Fellowship offers the successful candidate: the chance to work with a public interest law centre at the forefront of social change in Seattle; hands-on experience of targeted public interest litigation, policy development and campaigns; attendance at a lecture series on American and

International Public Interest Law at the University of Washington; interaction and networking with law students and high-profile practitioners working in Public Interest Law in the US.

Mahmoud also spent a period of the summer working as an intern in the Irish Superior Courts as part of the Chief Justice's Summer Internship Programme open to Irish university law schools. In 2012, while a student on the Corporate Law programme, he was also the winner of the A & L Goodbody Bold Ideas Competition for which he received a cash prize of €3,000 and an internship.



Student Internships

The summer internships at the Superior Courts were organised by Dr Brian Tobin this year, with Mahmoud Abukhadir (LLB) and Jamie Brislane (LLM in Human Rights) chosen. Brian was also involved in the selection process for the Walkers International Summer Internship which is open to Civil Law and Corporate Law students. The successful student was Aaron Duignan (Final B Corp Law).

Judicial Research Fellowship in the Seychelles 2014 and 2015

Yvonne Francis, a former student on the LLM in Public Law programme, visited the Seychelles in summer 2014 having been selected as a Judicial Research Assistant to work with the Court of Appeal in the Seychelles. Yvonne undertook legal research for Judge Mathilda Twomey on the law of criminal defamation and bail. Her work included observing court proceedings in the Seychelles and engaging in other legal research opportunities.



Judge Mathilda Twomey, Yvonne Francis and Judge Francis MacGregor, President of the Court of Appeal of the Republic of Seychelles

LLM in Public Law student, Anna Andruszkow, has been selected as the 2015 Judicial Research Fellowship to the Court of Appeal in the Seychelles. Anna will be working on maritime piracy cases for Judge Twomey.



Anna Andruszkow

Graduations 2014



Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness, Adjunct Professor at the School of Law and Chairperson of Údarás na hOllscoile, with her granddaughter, Maggie Mac Aonghusa, who graduated with a Bachelor of Civil Law degree in October 2014, and President of NUI Galway, Dr Jim Browne. Maggie subsequently went to Oxford University to take a postgraduate course.

NUIG Law Student Wins Bold Ideas Competition

A BCL student, Andrew Barr, was the outright winner of the Bold Ideas Competition organised by the leading Irish law firm A&L Goodbody. Andrew is a second year student on the Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) programme. Bold Ideas is a student innovation award competition that recognises the most innovative ideas from either undergraduate or postgraduate students from all disciplines.

Andrew's winning 'bold idea' was in the area of environmental social responsibility and envisages businesses supporting the work of the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Andrew identified that the funding for National Parks has undergone

a significant reduction in recent years and that businesses can use their skills to support the work of the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Andrew took up a four-week summer internship with A&L Goodbody Dublin in July, one week of which was spent in one of their international offices in the Chrysler Building in New York. He also won a €3,000 cash prize, and A&L Goodbody made a cash donation on his behalf to a charity of his choice, Suas Educational Development.

This is the second time that an NUI Galway law student has won this prestigious prize. Mahmoud Abukhadir was the overall winner in 2012.



(L to R) Andrew Barr, Berni Hosty, Partner A&L Goodbody, Tina Roche, CEO Business in the Community, Julian Yarr, Managing Partner A&L Goodbody

Kieran Fitzpatrick

Research by a BCL student, Kieran Fitzpatrick, was published in an article in *The Irish Times*, 'Courts need to expand view of open justice', in June 2014. This article was later cited by the South African Supreme Court of Appeal in the judgement *City of Cape Town v South African National Roads Authority Limited & others (20786/14) [2015] ZASCA 58 (30 March 2015)*. This case concerned access to court documents.



Mutindi Lydia Mulwa

Mutindi Lydia Mulwa is visiting NUI Galway as part of the UN NIPPON Foundation Programme in the Law of the Sea. Mutindi works at the Law Reform Commission in Namibia and is researching a thesis on private property rights and fisheries under the supervision of Professor Ronán Long.



Jorge Manhique

Jorge Manhique, a 2014-15 student on the LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy, has been appointed by the Disability Rights Fund (DRF) and Disability Rights Advocacy Fund (DRAF) as Program Officer for Africa (Malawi and Rwanda). DRF and DRAF are US-based organisations that support the advancement of the rights of persons with disabilities in developing countries.

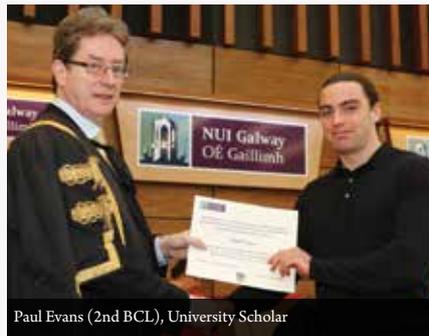


Lá na nGradam

Pictured with the President of NUI Galway, Dr Jim Browne at Lá na nGradam in February 2015 are:



Ciara Shinnick, winner of the CDLP Scholarship Award 2013



Paul Evans (2nd BCL), University Scholar



Beau Holland (2nd BCL), University Scholar



Richard O'Hagan (2nd BCL), University Scholar

'The Advocate'

Two undergraduate students, Eoin Himpers McLoughlin (3rd LLB) and Aaron Duignan (Final B. Corp Law), took part in the McCann Fitzgerald All-Ireland Company Law Challenge, 'The Advocate', this year. This is a third-level advocacy competition run by McCann Fitzgerald in association with the Courts Service and the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunal Service. Eoin and Aaron were assisted by Caterina Gardiner.



Pictured are John Cronin, Partner, McCann Fitzgerald, Aaron Duignan, NUI Galway, The Honourable Mr. Justice Peter Kelly, Eoin Himpers McLoughlin, NUI Galway, Blanaid Clarke, McCann Fitzgerald Chair of Corporate Law, Trinity College Dublin.

Trip to European institutions

The 2015 Annual Irish Universities' Trip to the European Institutions, organised by Anna-Louise Hinds and Dr Charles O'Mahony, was a great success. It included a visit to the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg, a visit to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, a meeting with the EU Ombudsman, Emily O'Reilly and a visit to the EU Commission in Brussels which included a meeting with the Irish member of the Commission, Phil Hogan.



Front row (L to R): Andrew Barr, Anna Connaughton, Orla Clissmann, Aileen Prendergast, Marian Harkin MEP, Ronan Behan, Amy Hayes
Middle row (L to R): Patricia McGovern, Tabitha Day, Ciara Hickey, Lydia Foley
Back row (L to R): Ruth Buckley, Pamela Gavaghan, Dr Charles O'Mahony

Doctoral Programme

Another Year of Major IRC Success

The Irish Research Council (IRC) has awarded scholarships to five candidates from the School of Law and its Centres. They are:

- Emma Burns – supervised by Dr Eilionóir Flynn, CDLP
- Sandra Murphy – supervised by Dr Padraic Kenna
- Sarah Creedon – supervised by Dr Shane Darcy, ICHR
- Luke Hamilton – supervised by Dr Ciara Smyth (This is an employment based-award with the Irish Refugee Council)
- Emily Loughlin – co-supervised by Professor Gerard Quinn and Professor Tom Scharf

This is an excellent result for the School of Law, building on the considerable IRC successes for the School of recent years. Congratulations to each of the successful applicants and their supervisors.



Luke Hamilton, who is currently a Human Rights Intern at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Bangkok, Thailand

Anna Arstein-Kerslake



Anna Arstein-Kerslake was awarded a PhD by NUI Galway in June 2015. Her PhD supervisor was Professor Gerard Quinn and the title of her thesis was 'Restoring Voice to People: Realising the Right to Equal Recognition Before the Law of People with Cognitive Disabilities'. Anna now has a lectureship at Melbourne Law School where she is the Academic Convenor of the Disability Research Initiative and director of the Disability Human Rights Clinic.

PhD Graduates in the ICHR

Congratulations to the doctoral candidates in the Irish Centre for Human Rights who successfully defended their theses in the past academic year and to their supervisors:

- Dr Josh Curtis (supervised by Professor Michael O'Flaherty and Professor Vinodh Jaichand, formerly of the ICHR)
- Dr Heping Dang (supervised by Professor William Schabas)
- Dr Yingxi Bi (supervised by Professor William Schabas)
- Dr Bonny Ling (supervised by Professor Shane Darcy, ICHR)
- Dr Margaret de Guzman (supervised by Professor William Schabas)



(L to R) Emma Burns, Sandra Murphy, Emily Loughlin and Sarah Creedon

New Doctoral Fellows at the School of Law

In the past year Doctoral Fellowships were awarded to Hayley Mulligan and Kate Halpin who will be supervised by Professor Donncha O'Connell, Head of the School of Law. They will work as Research Assistants to Professor O'Connell and contribute in various ways to activities in the School of Law.

Hayley Mulligan graduated in 2012 with a First Class Honours BA (Public & Social Policy). She was awarded the title of University Scholar in 2009/10 and 2010/11. She completed an LLM in International Human Rights Law in 2014 at the Irish Centre of Human Rights where she received a first class honours for her dissertation.

The working title of Hayley's doctoral thesis is 'That's a matter for you. Who? Comparing the divergent approaches adopted by Ireland and India regarding gestational surrogacy arrangements and the implications for both Human Rights and Constitutional law standards in this area.' Her research will assess whether, and to what extent, the proposed laws in this area meet Human Rights

and Constitutional Law standards both within, and between, these countries. Further, it will explore whether Private International law is capable of bridging these divergent approaches. It will assess the effectiveness of international human rights law in the wake of advances in medical technologies and evolving societal change.

Kate Halpin is a graduate of NUI Galway where she was awarded Bachelor of Commerce and LL.B. degrees before graduating with an LL.M (Child & Family Law) from UCC in 2012.

Her LLM thesis was on young people in the Irish criminal justice system and their mental health needs. It has recently been referenced in the Children's Mental Health Coalition's report "Someone to care: the mental health needs of children and young people in the care and justice system". Subsequently, Kate worked for the Complaints & Investigations Department in the Ombudsman for Children's Office, Dublin.

Kate commenced her doctoral studies in NUIG in January 2015. Her thesis, provisionally titled 'The Role of the Ombudsman as a Human Rights Defender', aims to analyse and compare different models of Ombudsman, exploring the differing methods of human rights enforcement and evaluating how effective can the Ombudsman's (usually non-binding) recommendations be for systemic change and human rights protection.



Hayley Mulligan and Kate Halpin

New Staff Appointments

Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti



Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti, who joined the School of Law in January 2015, is a legal scholar working in the field of human rights, constitutional law, comparative and international law, philosophy of law and political and moral philosophy. For eight years she held various research and Faculty appointments at Harvard University.

She was a Fellow at the Labor and Worklife Program at Harvard Law School and a Lecturer on Law and Social Studies at the Committee on Degrees in Social Studies at Harvard University. She was also a Visiting Professor at the Department of Law at Carleton University, Canada.

She received her PhD (in Law) from the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales - Paris, France. Her dissertation was awarded the Highest Academic Distinction. She received a Masters in Political Philosophy from EHESS - Paris, and an L.L.M. in Public Law from Université Panthéon-Assas, Paris II, France. She holds an L.L.B. in Law (4 year law degree) from Athens Law School, Greece. She has received a number of Fellowships and honours from the Greek State and the European Union.

Dr Connie Healy



Dr Connie Healy, who joined the School of Law in July 2015, holds a B. Comm. and LLB from NUI Galway. She qualified as a solicitor in 1994 and has fifteen years post-qualification experience in civil and commercial litigation. Her PhD, which was supervised by Marie McGonagle, was entitled "Resolution of Conflict in Family Law Matters: An Alternative and Child-Inclusive Approach" and was funded by the Irish Research Council.

She is an accredited commercial mediator (Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, London (CEDR)) and a collaborative lawyer. Connie's research interests are in the area of Conflict Resolution, Alternative Dispute Resolution (mediation and collaborative practice), Family Law and Children's Rights. She has published her research nationally and internationally and has received a number of awards to include scholarships from the Commission on European Family Law; the Irish Association of Law Teachers; the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals and the American Family Conciliation Courts. She has undertaken research on behalf of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals and is currently taking part in an International Children's Rights Judgment Re-Writing Project.

Prior to taking up her post at the NUIG, Connie lectured at the University of Limerick. She also lectured on a part-time basis at NUIG.



Staff Retirement

Dr Mary Keys took early retirement in September 2015 having been a member of staff at the School of Law since 1999. Mary, who was awarded a PhD by Cardiff University in 2006, is a leading authority on mental health law and policy and is also a member of the Mental Health Commission. She was a founding member of the Centre for Disability Law & Policy and has supervised a number of doctoral candidates who went on to enjoy great professional success. Mary was a highly respected and popular lecturer not just in the School of Law but across the University in the various disciplines in which she contributed as a teacher and researcher. We wish Mary a long, happy and active retirement.

Staff News

Major research success for Dr Eilionóir Flynn

Dr Eilionóir Flynn was approved by the European Research Council (ERC) this year for approximately €900k funding for her VOICES project. Eilionóir is the youngest of the 61 ERC grantees this year. Her achievement is all the more noteworthy when considered in light of her heavy commitments as Associate Head of Research for the School of Law and Acting Director of the CDLP.

The VOICES project aims to make visible the experiences of people with disabilities who have been denied legal capacity. It will involve a series of workshops where people with this lived experience will be paired with social and legal scholars to develop their narratives, and construct critical responses to these narratives, for inclusion in an edited collection at the end of the project. Particular themes to be addressed include criminal responsibility, consent, and contract law. The project will run for 3.5 years and will cost approximately €900k.

Eilionóir was also a recipient of one of the President's Awards for Research Excellence 2015 in the early-stage researcher category for Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences. These awards are made to members of the NUI Galway research community, by the University's President Dr Jim Browne, in recognition of their outstanding and innovative research. Last year this award was won by Dr Shane Darcy of the Irish Centre for Human Rights.



O'Connell and O'Malley reappointed to Law Reform Commission

Congratulations to Professor Donncha O'Connell and Tom O'Malley who were reappointed by the Government for a second term as part-time Commissioners of the Law Reform Commission in July 2015. They will be joined on the Commission by an NUIG alumna, Ms Justice Carmel Stewart, who replaces Ms Justice Marie Baker as a part-time Commissioner. The other members of the Commission are Mr. Justice John Quirke (President) and Finola Flanagan (full-time Commissioner). The term of office of the Commission is for five years.

Prof Gerard Quinn



Back row: US Senator Tom Harkin with Professor Gerard Quinn, Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy
Front row: Marca Bristo, former chair of the US National Council on Disability and outgoing chair of the US International Council on Disability, Her Excellency Anne Anderson, Ambassador of Ireland to the US

Professor Gerard Quinn was honoured alongside Senator Tom Harkin by the United States International Council on Disabilities in recognition of his work in the field of international and comparative disability law and policy. The ceremony took place in Washington on the eve of the international day of people with disabilities, December 2nd 2014.



Dr Eilionóir Flynn with other 2015 President's Award winners

Prof Ray Murphy appointed to IHREC



Professor Ray Murphy (back row, far right) pictured with fellow members of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission

Professor Ray Murphy was appointed to the new Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission in November 2014. This new body merges the Irish Human Rights Commission and the Equality Authority. The Chief Commissioner, Emily Logan, and Commission members received their warrants of appointment from President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins in a ceremony at Áras an Uachtaráin.

Prof Ronán Long



(L to R) Judge Jin-Hyun Paik, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Judge Rüdiger Wolfrum, director emeritus of the Heidelberg Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Professor Ronán Long, NUIG, and Ambassador Raychelle Awour Omamo SC, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of State for Defense, Kenya, at a workshop in Nairobi celebrating 50 years of diplomatic relations between Korea and Kenya in October 2014.

Kennedy Summer School 2014



Larry Donnelly, Lecturer in Law, NUIG, and former Senator, Eoghan Harris, pictured at the 2014 Kennedy Summer School in Wexford at which they both spoke.

Head of School speaks at Ohio law event



(L to R) Terry Kenneally, Irish-American Law Society of Cleveland, Mr. Justice Adrian Hardiman, Irish Supreme Court, Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor, Supreme Court of Ohio, and Professor Donncha O'Connell, Head of the School of Law, NUIG at the Irish American Business & Legal Forum in Cleveland, Ohio in September 2014. This event, which focused on the regulation of the legal professions in Ireland and the US, was organised by the Irish-American Law Society of Cleveland.

Charles O'Mahony elected President of IALT



Dr Charles O'Mahony, who has lectured for a number of years in the School of Law and is Co-Director of the LLM in Public Law, has been elected President of the Irish Association of Law Teachers (IALT). The IALT was established by the late Professor Kevin Boyle and others in 1979 with the objective of advancing legal education, legal research and the work and interests of law teachers on the island of Ireland. The Association is managed by a Council and is comprised of members representing law lecturers in Irish universities and institutes of technology on the island of Ireland. The IALT will hold its annual conference for 2015 in Galway in November.

Dr Ciara Smyth appointed to Direct Provision Working Group

In October 2014 Dr Ciara Smyth was invited by the Minister for Justice and Equality and the Minister of State at the Department of Justice and Equality to participate in a Working Group on the (Asylum) Protection Process, comprising representatives of a cross-section of government departments, state bodies, civil society organisations and a number of individuals. The Group was chaired by the retired High Court judge, Bryan McMahon, who was also, for a number of years, a part-time Professor of Common Law in the School of Law, NUIG. The Working Group was asked to report to Government on improvements to the international protection process in Ireland, including direct provision and supports for asylum seekers. It met in plenary on eight occasions. Members of the group met in one or more of three thematic sub-groups on 38 occasions, and members of the group visited at least three direct provision centres each

around the country between November 2014 and May 2015. At the end of the deliberative process, the Working Group adopted a report which runs to over 200 pages and addresses nearly every aspect of the protection system in Ireland, making numerous detailed proposals for reform. The report was presented to the relevant Ministers on 11 June 2015 and published subsequently.



Dr Conor Hanly making (legal) history

Dr Conor Hanly with Roger Marshall, President of the Irish Legal History Society, at the American Bar Association's monument to Magna Carta at Runnymede. Dr Hanly was attending the 22nd British Legal History Conference where he presented a paper entitled, "Judgment by One's Peers?: Radical and Trade-Unionist Views of Jury Trial in Victorian Britain".



Dr John Danaher's Blog



Dr John Danaher has been writing a popular research-related blog (<http://philosophicaldisquisitions.blogspot.com>) for

the past six years. The blog features long-form pieces on his teaching and research interests, focusing in particular on the topics of neuroethics, human enhancement, and artificial intelligence and the law. Thanks to the blog, his work has been featured on the New York Times, Daily Mail, Business Insider, VICE Magazine and Fast Company. He has also received invitations to a number of international events from people who first encountered his work via the blog. In the past year, he has been invited to give a presentation to the World Institute for Nuclear Security (Vienna) on the potential uses of brain-based lie detection, and to chair a discussion at the Edinburgh International Science Festival entitled 'Neuroethics on Trial'.



Dr Diarmuid Griffin

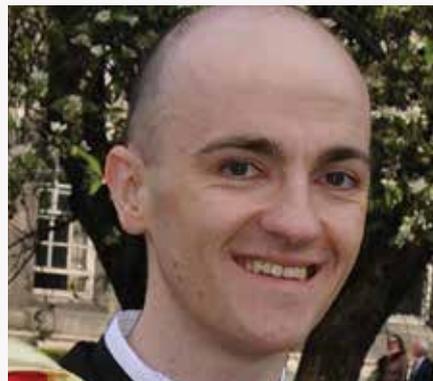
Congratulations to Dr Diarmuid Griffin who was awarded a PhD by UCD in the past year. Dr Griffin's doctoral research on life sentence prisoners, published in the *Irish Jurist* (April 2015), was subject to extensive coverage in the national press this year. He has presented findings of his research, which was an empirical study of the role of the Parole Board and Minister for Justice in the release of life sentence prisoners, at various international conferences including the Stockholm Criminology Symposium, the European Society of Criminology Conference and the American Conference for Irish Studies and the Centre for Irish-American Studies at New York University.



The research, which was supervised by Professor Ian O'Donnell of the Institute of Criminology at UCD, is the first empirical project conducted on the release of life sentence prisoners in Ireland. In order to explore the factors influencing the decision to release or further detain life sentence prisoners, interviews were conducted with Parole Board members and the Ministers for Justice since the establishment of the Parole Board in 2001. The research also generated data on the increase in time served by life sentence prisoners and the number of lifers released and recalled during this period.

Dr Brian Tobin

Congratulations to Dr Brian Tobin who passed his doctoral viva in September 2014, and was conferred with a PhD by Trinity College Dublin in April 2015. His thesis, which analyses the socio-legal assimilation of same-sex family units in Ireland, was supervised by William Binchy, Fellow Emeritus, TCD. The thesis was examined by Professor Gerry Whyte (TCD) and Dr Fergus Ryan (Maynooth University).



Dr Rónán Kennedy

Congratulations to Dr Rónán Kennedy who, in February 2015, completed a doctorate at the Faculty of Laws in University College London, supervised by Professor Jane Holder, with Professors Richard Macrory and Pascoe Pleasence. His thesis topic was "Environmental Protection Through E-Regulation: Critical and Empirical Perspectives using a Rule of Law Analysis".



Prof Michael O'Flaherty chairs IPRT

Professor Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, assumed the position of chairperson of the Irish Penal Reform Trust (IPRT) in November 2014. Established in 1994, the IPRT is Ireland's leading non-governmental organisation campaigning for rights in the penal system and the progressive reform of Irish penal policy. It publishes a wide range of policy positions and research documents and campaigns vigorously across a wide range of penal policy issues.



Nicola Murphy



Nicola Murphy represented the School of Law at the annual meeting of the Coimbra Group of Law Faculties which took place in the Jagiellonian University, Krakow, in June 2015. Attending the event were representatives from Krakow, Budapest, Sienna, Granada, Coimbra, Poitiers, Caen, Leiden, Aarhus and Bristol.

Dr Eoin Daly awarded Charlemont Scholarship by RIA

Dr Eoin Daly was awarded a Charlemont Scholarship by the Royal Irish Academy in February 2015. Named in honour of the Academy's first President, and notable Grand Tourist, James Caulfeild, the 1st Earl of Charlemont (1728–99), this scheme is the successor to the acclaimed Mobility Grants established by the Academy in 2007. Building on the success of that scheme, the Charlemont Grants are unique in offering funding for short international research trips, to support primary research in any area. The Charlemont Grants

facilitate access for early-career researchers to important international scientific and cultural resources. The 2015 scheme awarded 29 scholars in total, from 9 institutions in Ireland, with a combined fund of €50,000.

Since its inception the scheme has funded 126 projects, across the sciences, humanities and social sciences. It has funded visits to over fifty countries, with a total fund disbursed to date of approximately €200,000.

Caterina Gardiner advises on new consumer rights legislation



As part of an Expert Group for the Department of Jobs Enterprise and Innovation, Caterina Gardiner, a lecturer in the School of Law, has advised on the preparation of the scheme of a proposed new Consumer Rights Bill. The proposed scheme, which was published on the 25th May 2015, is the most important statutory initiative in the area of consumer law in the last four decades. As well as updating and consolidating the law on sale of goods, supply of services and unfair terms in consumer contracts, it is particularly notable for its important new provisions on digital content. It is mainly in relation to this aspect of the Scheme that Caterina Gardiner advised.



Professor Mary E. Daly, President of the Royal Irish Academy, presenting his certificate to Dr Eoin Daly

Future Seminars - Legal and Political Theory Workshop Series

The NUI Galway Legal and Political Theory Workshop Series is seeking submissions from presenters for the academic year 2015-2016.

The Workshop aims to provide an interdisciplinary forum for presenting and discussing work in legal and political theory, broadly construed. This includes, but is not limited to, work in jurisprudence, legal reasoning, applied legal theory, critical legal theory, moral and political philosophy, political theory, and the history of legal and political ideas.

The Workshop is convened by Dr Eoin Daly, Dr John Danaher and Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti.

Structure of the Workshop:

The workshop operates as a forum in which legal and political theorists can discuss and receive constructive feedback on their work in a collaborative environment. Presenters will speak to their paper for 30-40 mins, and this will be followed by discussion with attendees for up to 50 minutes. The sessions will last a maximum of 90 minutes.

Papers should be available at least two weeks in advance of the workshop session so that they are pre-circulated to attendees.



Passing of the Parliament Bill, 1911' by Samuel Begg. Licensed under Public Domain via Wikimedia Commons

The workshop will meet every other Friday during academic terms from 12:30h – 14:30h.

Submission Instructions:

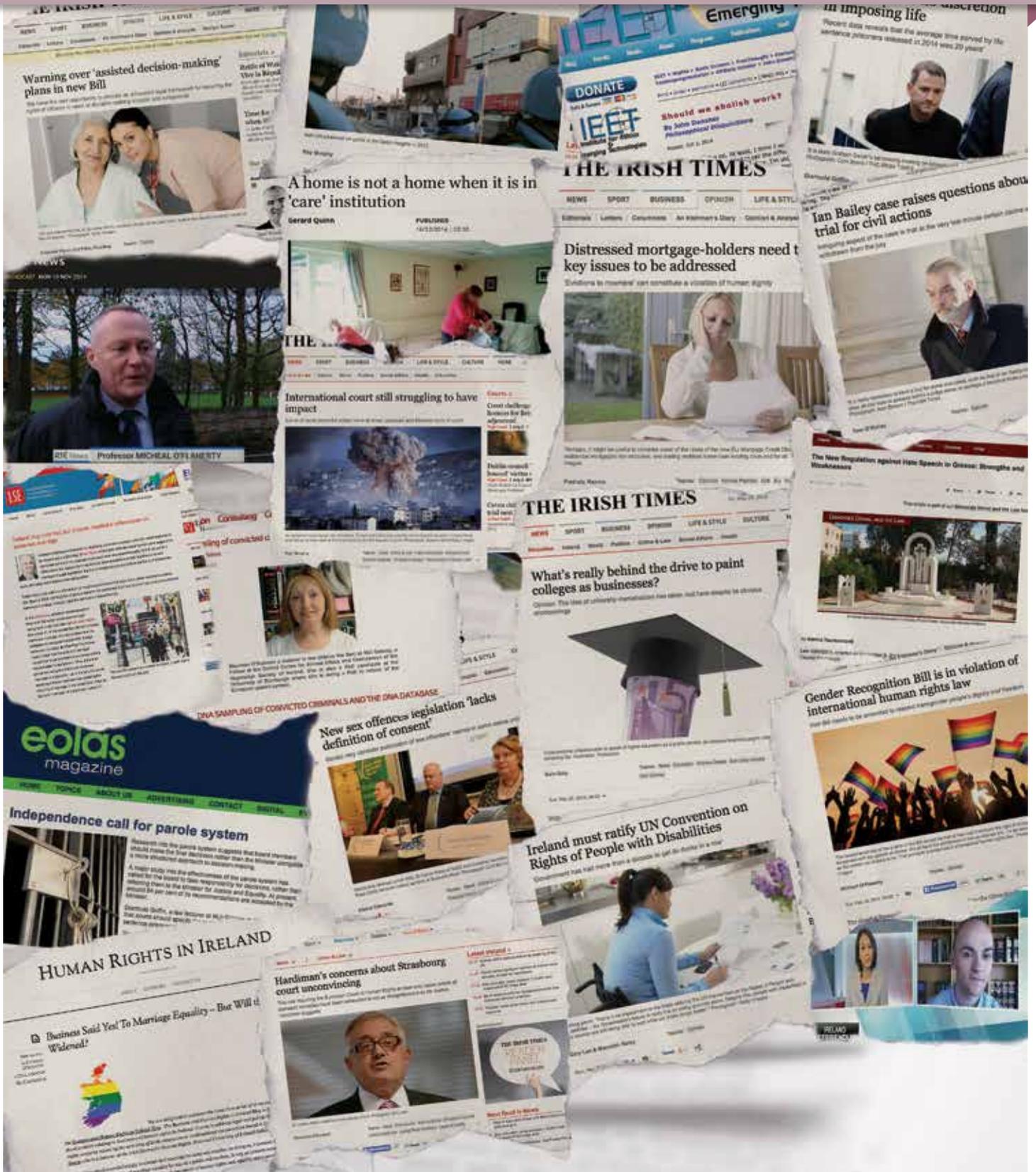
If you are interested in presenting a paper please send an abstract of approximately 750 words and a short bio to the convenors: LPtheory@nuigalway.ie

Please indicate dates when you would be able to present. There are dates available during both the autumn and the spring semester of the academic year 2015-2016.

Costs:

NUI Galway School of Law will offer a stipend of €200 for travel expenses for each presenter.

Staff in the media



In the past year, law school staff have featured prominently in the print and broadcast media writing and speaking on a wide variety of issues.

in the news



**SYMPOSIUM
THE HUMAN RIGHTS
SCHOLAR-ACTIVIST
OR
ACTIVIST-SCHOLAR?**

The symposium will also explore issues of human rights, archives and memorialisation

Keynote Speaker:
PROFESSOR SIR NIGEL RODLEY
Chairperson, the United Nations Human Rights Committee

Speakers Include:
Brice Dickson, Michael Farrell, Tom Hadden, Françoise Hampson, Barry Houlihan, Bernadette McAliskey, Marie McGonagle, Terach McGonagle, Dorothea O'Connell, Pól O'Dochartaigh, Michael O'Flaherty and Louis Boyle.

Video input message from Mary Robinson

28 NOVEMBER 2014
10:00 - 16:00
Aula Maxima, National University of Ireland, Galway

**OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF
KEVIN BOYLE ARCHIVE**
OFFICIATED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL, MÁIRE WHELAN, SC.
Followed by an exhibition of materials from the Kevin Boyle archive
Archives and Special Collections Reading Room, Hardiman Building, NUI Galway: 17:00

Contact for Symposium: www.conference.ie | Contact for Information: humanrights@nui-galway.ie
Hosted by: Irish Centre for Human Rights, the School of Law, and the James Hardiman Library, NUI Galway

Human rights symposium

A symposium organised by the School of Law, Irish Centre for Human Rights and the James Hardiman Library to mark the launch of the Kevin Boyle Archive in November 2014 was a huge success with a great attendance at both events. In the late 1970s Professor Kevin Boyle joined NUI Galway (UCG) where he co-founded the Irish Centre for Human Rights with Denny Driscoll in 1980. Many of the speakers at the symposium spoke glowingly of Kevin's work as a human rights activist and scholar with truly global impact. They included: Professor Sir Nigel Rodley, Michael Farrell, Marie McGonagle, Professor Tom Hadden, Bernadette McAliskey, Barry Houlihan, Louis Boyle, Joan Boyle, Professor Françoise Hampson and Professor Brice



Pictured receiving a catalogue listing the thousands of items contained within the archive was Joan Boyle with John Cox, University Librarian, NUI Galway



Bernadette McAliskey, South Tyrone Empowerment Programme, Lelia Doolan, Picture Palace, Fionnuala Flanagan, actress and honorary graduate of NUI Galway, and Margaretta D'Arcy, Peace Activist.



celebrates the late Professor Kevin Boyle

Dickson. His extensive archive which was given by his family to NUI Galway after his untimely death in 2010 and was launched by one of his former Galway students, the Attorney General, Máire Whelan, SC.

For more information on the Boyle Archive visit <http://bit.ly/NUIGBoyle>

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Pictured at the symposium were (L to R) Professor Francoise Hampson, Professor Sir Nigel Rodley, Professor Michael O'Flaherty, Director of Irish Centre for Human Rights, Stephen Boyle, Joan Boyle, Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness, Adjunct Professor of Law and Chairperson of Údarás na hOllscoile, NUI Galway, Professor Pól Ó Dochartaigh, Registrar and Deputy President, NUI Galway, Mark Boyle and Professor Donncha O'Connell, Head of the School of Law, NUI Galway.



Dr Aidan Kane, School of Business & Economics, NUI Galway, Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness, Professor Donncha O'Connell, Head of the School of Law, NUI Galway and Damian Crawford, BL, an alumnus of the School of Law.



The Attorney General, Máire Whelan, SC, pictured with Maurice Hayes and Joan Hayes (right) who attended the archive launch



Annual Distinguished Lecture 2015

The role of the judiciary in the vindication of human rights

On Friday 24th April our Annual Distinguished Lecture 2015 was delivered by the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, Sir Declan Morgan, on the role of the judiciary in the vindication of human rights. The event was chaired by the Chief Justice of Ireland, Ms. Justice Susan Denham, and took place in the Aula Maxima (Lower) followed by a reception in the Staff Club. Pictured above Sir Declan Morgan.

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Lord Chief Justice Morgan, Chief Justice Denham and Professor Donncha O'Connell



Dr Brian Tobin speaking from the floor



Full house at the Annual Distinguished Lecture 2015



Professor Donncha O'Connell introducing Chief Justice Denham



Grainne McMorro, SC, Colm O'Dwyer, NUI Galway,
Ms Justice Aileen Donnelly of the High Court



Deirdre Fottrell, QC with LLB students



Patricia Conroy, Mike Hanley, US Embassy,
Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness, Dr Brian Tobin, Dr John Danaher



Ioanna Tourkochoriti (3rd from left) with students



Dr Phil Comerford and Mrs Esther Fottrell



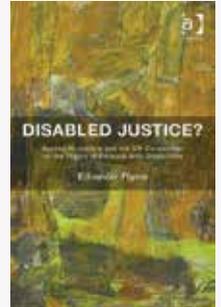
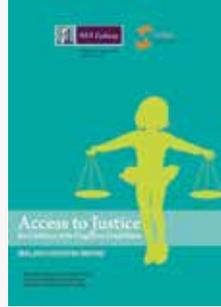
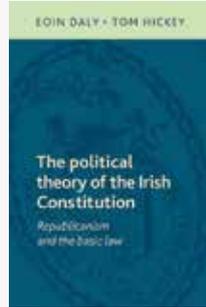
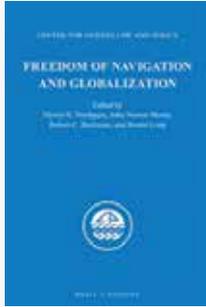
Members of the Galway legal professions



Sir Declan Morgan (centre) with students

Previous speakers in the School of Law Annual Distinguished Lecture series include: Mr. Justice Nial Fennelly of the Supreme Court and formerly Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union; Professor Christopher McCrudden of Oxford University; Judge John T. Noonan of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; Professor Neil Walker of Edinburgh University; Baroness Brenda Hale of the UK Supreme Court; and Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness of the Irish Supreme Court. The event is held on an annual basis to mark the end of the academic year and is open to students and graduates of the School of Law, NUI Galway as well as interested members of the public.

Selected Publications & Research



What follows is a selection of major publications by colleagues from the School of Law and its Centres published during the past year. It evidences a consistently high quality of academic research and writing but, also, of engaged scholarship and impact both nationally and internationally.

Dr Eilionóir Flynn, Associate Head of Research

Books:

- Eoin Daly and Tom Hickey, *The Political Theory of the Irish Constitution* (Manchester University Press 2015).
- Eilionóir Flynn, *Disabled Justice? Access to Justice and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (Ashgate 2015).
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- Charles O'Mahony and Gerard Quinn (eds), *The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Comparative, Regional and Thematic Perspectives* (Intersentia 2015).
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- Piers Gooding, 'Change and Continuity: A Historical Overview of the Significance of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to Mental Health Law' (2014) 20(3) *Web Journal of Current Legal Issues*.
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Clinical Legal Education

The academic year 2014-2015 was another successful one for the clinical legal education programme at NUI Galway. Almost 30 final year Bachelor of Civil Law degree students were placed with a wide variety of law firms, barristers, independent and community law centres, government bodies and non-governmental organisations. Feedback from both students and placement supervisors was again unanimously positive, with several students commenting that “it was the most enjoyable experience of their time studying law.” A number will stay in contact with and continue to do work for their placement supervisors and have indicated that they may be taken on as employees or trainee solicitors after graduation.

Some new placement partners facilitated students this year. These include the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission in Dublin – a particularly attractive opportunity for students interested in commercial law; Shane MacSweeney & Company Solicitors – an eminent and rapidly expanding Galway law firm; and Safe Ireland – an Athlone-based non-governmental organisation

prioritising and representing the needs and experiences of women and their children who have been affected by domestic violence. It is hoped that these partnerships will be mutually beneficial and continue for many years to come.

Additionally, from academic year 2015-2016, clinical placements will be available to final year students on the LLB. degree. And with the impending extension of the Bachelor of Corporate Law degree from three to four years, clinical placements will be made available to the first cohort of final year students in that programme as well. Accordingly, targeted efforts to expand the number and type of placements – while retaining a focus on advancing the public interest and social justice through clinical legal education – are underway. These include outreach to Galway’s burgeoning entrepreneurial and “start-up” sector.

Graduates of the School of Law, regardless of which sector in which they are now working, who are interested in the placement programme and in facilitating the enthusiastic and hard-working students who apply to participate in it should

contact the Director of Clinical Legal Education, Mr. Larry Donnelly, at larry.donnelly@nuigalway.ie.

Lastly, Mr. Donnelly has just completed a report funded by the Free Legal Advice Centres (FLAC) and the Public Interest Law Alliance (PILA), entitled *Clinical Legal Education in Ireland: Progress and Potential*. This first of its kind report will feature: detailed descriptions of existing clinical legal education programmes in Ireland; interviews with directors of these programmes, with past students and with clinical supervisors; an examination of a flourishing programme in the UK; and recommendations for the future development in Ireland of what has been called “the most significant innovation in law teaching over the last century.” Mr. Donnelly has been assisted on the project by Fiachra Breathnach BL, a recent graduate of the School of Law and a barrister with an active practice. It is hoped that the report will stimulate discussion and debate among the key stakeholders and cement the School of Law’s long-standing reputation as a national leader in the provision of practical skills and “real world” experience to its students.

Internal Moot Court Competition

The School of Law Internal Moot Court competition took place at the Galway courthouse in January 2015. The preliminary rounds on Friday, adjudicated by Judge Mathilda Twomey and barrister and senior lecturer, Tom O’Malley, saw the seven participating teams display excellent mooting skills in pleading their cases and responding to some very challenging questions from the bench. In Saturday’s semi-finals, presided over by Ms. Justice Mary Faherty of the High Court, teams displayed spirited rebuttals and superb advocacy skills. Judge Faherty noted the difficulty in choosing the finalists. The Final, as with all the sessions, provided an example of the best that mooting has to offer, with excellent oral arguments, targeted rebuttals and admirable ability to respond to questions from the bench. Pronouncing the team of Debbie Gilroy and Brian Lindsay to be victorious Judge Faherty paid tribute to all the teams stating that “... the standard was extraordinarily high” with “excellent written memorials” and “very good ability to think of their feet”.

Particular thanks is due to Judge Faherty for her adjudication of the final rounds and to Judge Mathilda Twomey and Tom O’Malley for their adjudication of the preliminary rounds. Thanks also to Ursula Connolly and Dr Rónán Kennedy who co-ordinated the Moot Court module and to the following School of Law staff for their contributions to the competition: Dr Eoin Daly, Larry Donnelly, Prof Ronán Long, Nicola Murphy, Maureen O’Sullivan and Shivaun Quinlivan who acted as mentors; Dr Conor Hanly and Tom O’Malley who delivered lectures and Tatiana Kelly and Deirdre Callanan who acted as court Registrars during the competition. The School is also indebted to the Galway Courthouse for its co-operation and support of the competition with particular thanks to Ray Burke for facilitating access.



Staff and students at the Moot Court competition



Ms. Justice Mary Faherty with the winning team, Debbie Gilroy and Brian Lindsay

Careers in Law Week 2014

Careers in Law Week, an initiative by the School of Law organised in conjunction with the Career Development Centre, took place in September 2014 and was led by Dr Brian Tobin on behalf of the School of Law.

The highlight of the week was the Law Firms' Fair which was held at the Bailey Allen Hall on Monday, 28th September. Students were able to meet representatives from Ireland's top law firms, network and learn about various career opportunities. RDJ Glynn, Arthur Cox, William Fry, Matheson, A&L Goodbody and Maples and Calder gave presentations, followed by networking and refreshments. Arthur Cox also facilitated a Mock Group Interview Workshop in The View.

Other events during the week included:

- 'Qualifying as a Barrister in Ireland' with NUI Galway alumnus Fiachra Breathnach, BL and Marcella Higgins, Registrar, the Honourable Society of the King's Inns.
- 'Qualifying as a solicitor in the UK and Work and Study Options in the US' with Ronan Hynes, NUIG alumnus and partner at Keating Connolly Sellors, and Dr Conor Hanly, School of Law.

- 'Alternative Careers with a Law Degree' where Dr Charles O'Mahony spoke about legal research at the Law Reform Commission and working for NGOs, Dr Brian Tobin spoke about the route to a career in academia, NUI Galway alumnus Michelle Quinn spoke about a career in tax/restructuring at KPMG and Natalie O'Sullivan-Gallagher from Friarylaw spoke about a career in mediation.



Padraig Conroy (Final BCL) accepting his prize from Mary-Ann Sullivan of Arthur Cox.



Pictured before the talk on 'Qualifying as a Barrister in Ireland' was King's Inns Registrar Marcella Higgins, Fiachra Breathnach, and Dr Brian Tobin



Professor Donncha O'Connell, Jane Babb from Arthur Cox, John Hannon, Acting Director Student Services, NUIG, Emma Goode, Employment Officer, Career Development Centre, Breda Kenna, Career Development Centre and Dr Brian Tobin

Internationalisation

The Law School's internationalisation efforts, led by Dr Conor Hanly, continue to gather momentum. The Summer Internship Exchange Programme initiated last year with Suffolk University Law School (SULS) in Boston was over-subscribed again this year. Five NUI Galway students were chosen to spend their summer in Boston: Aaron Fahy, Admeer Gadzer and Michael Wilkins (all from the BCL programme), and Michelle Hynes and Emma McLoughlin (both LLB students). As well as attending classes on the Legal Process and Practice at SULS, the students will spend eight weeks working as interns a variety of locations

around Boston: Massachusetts Secretary of State's Office, the Boston Law Department, the Massachusetts Senate Counsel's Office, the Superior Court for Suffolk County and the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. The Law School also welcomed three Suffolk students who will spend their summer working in Ireland. Nicole Anzuoni, Christina Baldwin, and Kellie Shea took classes on the Irish legal system before beginning their placements at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, the Law Reform Commission and the Immigrant Council of Ireland, respectively.

Study Abroad



(L to R) Dr Conor Hanly, Jocelyn Fenez, Sinead Purcell, Pamela Chalecka, Jason McGoldrick, Rebecca Boyce and Ruth Buckley.

The Law School has long participated in the E.U.'s Erasmus mobility programme, and this year has been no different – twenty-three law students will spend the coming academic year in various universities around Europe. For the first time, however, the Law School has opened a suite of non-Erasmus study-abroad options to undergraduate and postgraduate law students. Jason McGoldrick (2nd BCL) and Melissa Tierney (2nd BA Legal Studies) will both spend the coming year at Shantou University, Guangdong Province in the People's Republic of China. Three students will study at the University of Ottawa: Pamela Chalecka and Sinéad Purcell (both 2nd BCL) and Jocelyn Fenez (1st LLB). Ruth Buckley and Rebecca Boyce (both 2nd BCL) will spend next year at the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia.



Front (L to R): Emma McLoughlin, Admeer Gadzer, Aaron Fahy, Michelle Hynes and Michael Wilkins.
Back (L to R): Dr Conor Hanly and Larry Donnelly.

Internationalisation in the University

Dr Conor Hanly, Director of Internationalisation for the Law School, has been invited to sit on the University's newly-formed Internationalisation Sub-Committee which reports to the Academic Management Team. This Sub-Committee will offer advice to AMT on delivering on the internationalisation components of the University's Strategic Plan, Vision 2020, from 2015-2020.



(L to R) Nicole Anzuoni, Christina Baldwin, and Kellie Shea pictured on their visit to the King's Inns, Dublin

News from the Centres

CENTRE FOR DISABILITY LAW & POLICY (CDLP)

Atlantic Philanthropies Publish Case Study on the CDLP as Policy Entrepreneurs

A case study, published in May 2015 by The Atlantic Philanthropies, documents how the CDLP became an integral resource to policy-makers and practitioners. It highlights the practical steps it took to become so useful to so many people and institutions. In addition to capturing the CDLP's key accomplishments, the case study documents the challenges and lessons learned—both for funders considering an investment in such centres and other university centres seeking to make a bigger impact.

It highlights that carefully researched studies are essential for advocates to make persuasive arguments to legislators and for policy-makers to make informed decisions. The CDLP is presented as an example of a university research centre that is having a positive impact on policy and practice. It has influenced domestic, regional and international policy on disability rights. It has done so through its accessible research and training of advocates and academics in the field. Few such research centres have made this kind of impact.

The CDLP was an Atlantic Philanthropies grantee.



CDLP in new Lifecourse Building on North Campus



Staff and students of the new Institute for Lifecourse and Society (ILAS) gathered for an orientation day at its newly opened building in the north campus in November 2014.

New Adjunct Professors at the CDLP



Three new Adjunct Professors have been appointed to the Centre for Disability Law & Policy: Catalina Devandas, Martin Naughton and Grainne McMorrough, SC. Catalina Devandas (front, far right) is pictured above, visiting the Centre in December 2014, on her first official engagement as the new UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Mr Martin Naughton is one of Europe's leading figures in the campaign to secure community living for the estimated 1.3 million Europeans with disabilities who still live in institutions. He

is executive co-chair of the European Network on Independent Living (ENIL).

Ms Grainne McMorrough, SC is a member of the Irish Bar and an Arts and Law graduate of NUI Galway. She has been appointed by the Minister of Justice as chair of the Mental Health Tribunals and was appointed by the Government as sole member of the Commission to Investigate the Death (in prison) of Gary Douche. In 2014 the Irish Government appointed her to serve as Ireland's representative on the Council of Europe's Venice Commission.

New appointments in CDLP

J.B. Terrins has been appointed to the board of the Irish Council for Civil Liberties (ICCL), with special responsibility for fundraising. J.B. is Business and Strategic Development Manager at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy and former Director of Alumni Relations at NUI Galway.

The CDLP has appointed Dr Liz Brosnan and Cliona de Bhailis as Post-Doctoral Researcher and Research Assistant on VOICES, a €1m European Research Council project led by Dr Eilionóir Flynn. Dr Brosnan was formerly a post-doctoral researcher at the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology. Cliona is a graduate of the LL.M in Public Law and a long term associate of the CDLP where she has co-ordinated its Disability Legal Advice Clinic.

Prof Gerard Quinn

Professor Gerard Quinn, who is on sabbatical leave in the current academic year, has been appointed as a Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of New South Wales, Law School (Sydney), and as an adjunct chair, NALSAR University of Law in Hyderabad, India. He was also, in the past year, one of three candidates nominated by the Irish Government for a vacant judgeship on the European Court of Human Rights

IRISH CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (ICHR)

Irish Centre for Human Rights wins major EU Rights contract

The Irish Centre for Human Rights (ICHR), in close collaboration with project partner, the Irish Council for Civil Liberties (ICCL), won a major EU contract for Irish Law and Social Data Research in October 2014 and will become Ireland's new national focal point for the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA).



FRANET is the FRA's multidisciplinary research network. It is composed of contractors in each EU Member State who provide relevant data to FRA on fundamental rights issues, to facilitate the Agency's comparative analyses. This work of the FRA then informs EU policy and initiatives across the EU member States. The ICHR/ICCL project has assembled a team of Ireland's leading human rights and social science experts, located at academic institutions and in civil society.

Research will focus on a number of thematic areas. These include: access to justice; victims of crime, including compensation to victims; respect for private life and protection of personal data; Roma integration; judicial cooperation; rights of the child; discrimination; asylum, immigration and borders; racism, xenophobia and related intolerance.

Book launch 'Judges, Law and War: The Judicial Development of International Humanitarian Law' by Dr Shane Darcy



(L to R) Dr Shane Darcy, Justice Teresa Doherty and Professor Michael O'Flaherty

The Irish Centre for Human Rights hosted the book launch of Dr Shane Darcy's book, "Judges, Law and War: The Judicial Development of International Humanitarian Law", in October 2014. Justice Teresa Doherty and Professor Michael O'Flaherty joined the well-wishers, along with students, staff and family members. Justice Doherty, previously at the Special Court for Sierra Leone, considered the book, given her own experience in the relevant field of international law, as particularly exciting. The book examines how judicial bodies have influenced the substantive rules and principles of the law of armed conflict, and studies the creation, application and enforcement of

this corpus of laws. Specifically, it considers how international courts have authoritatively addressed the meaning and scope of particular rules, the application of humanitarian law treaties and the customary status of specific norms.

Dr Darcy's book demonstrates how profound the influence of judicial decisions has been on the development of international humanitarian law and mines a rich source of jurisprudence from international courts and tribunals as well as from domestic courts - from the aftermath of the Second World War right through to the date of publication.

Ending discrimination of transgender people in Irish law: a public seminar on the Gender Recognition Bill



The Irish Centre for Human Rights hosted a public seminar examining Ireland's long-awaited Gender Recognition Bill in February 2015. Leading human rights lawyers described the Government's bill as "flawed" and "very disappointing" and urged that it be brought into line with "international best practice".

New appointment in ICHR



The Irish Centre for Human Rights is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Aoife Duffy as lecturer in human rights law. Prior to this posting, Dr Duffy worked as adjunct staff at the School of Law and Government, Dublin City University.

Aoife Duffy holds an honours BA degree in Applied Psychology from University College Cork, and an MPhil in International Peace Studies from Trinity College Dublin. After completing the LL.M programme in International Human Rights Law at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, Dr Duffy engaged in doctoral research at the Centre, and was awarded a doctorate in 2014. During her academic career Dr Duffy has received various awards and scholarships, including the prestigious Department of Foreign Affairs scholarship in conflict resolution, and a National University of Ireland fellowship.

Dr Duffy will assist in the delivery of the BA (Human Rights) Connect programme.

Conferences and Events

German President's State Visit



Professor Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the ICHR, with President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Joachim Gauck.

German President, Joachim Gauck, visited NUI Galway in July 2015 and was conferred with an LLD (honoris causa). President Gauck was introduced by Professor Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights. During his visit, he participated in a roundtable in the Irish Centre for Human Rights with President Michael D. Higgins, representatives from Concern and Trócaire, German diplomats, policy-makers and other guests.



President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Joachim Gauck, Frau Daniela Schadt, Mrs. Maeve Browne and Dr. Jim Browne, President of NUI Galway.

Galway International Summer School on the Arts and Human Rights

The first Galway International Summer School on the Arts and Human Rights took place in July 2015. Co-directed by Professor Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights and Dr Dominique Bouchard, Curator at the Hunt Museum, it brought together arts practitioners with human rights activists and scholars to explore their shared space. The global theme for 2015 was "Belonging". Over 100 people from 37 countries attended. The summer school consisted of keynote addresses, plenary discussions, and themed discussions on three parallel tracks – literature and human rights; the visual arts and human rights; and music and human rights. The opening speaker was the United Nations Special Rapporteur for Cultural Rights, Farida Shaheed.

A photography exhibition commissioned by UNESCO in 1949, 'The Changing Face of Human Rights', was an integral part of the summer school. The exhibition took place in St. Nicholas Collegiate Church and was displayed alongside modern images demonstrating perceptions of human rights today.



7th International Disability Law Summer School



The 7th International Disability Law Summer School in Galway took place from Monday 22 June to Friday 26 June 2015. This year's theme was disability-inclusive development aid. The event was host to, as usual, a world-class faculty and participants from around the globe including persons with disabilities, civil society groups,

advocates for disability law reform, lawyers, policy makers and policy analysts. It was opened formally by Seán Sherlock, TD, Minister of State at Department of Foreign Affairs with Special Responsibility for ODA, Trade Promotion and North South co-operation.

Schools' Summer Camp 2015



Summer camp participants and staff

Dr Charles O'Mahony organised a Summer School in Law for secondary school students in June 2015. The summer school, now in its third year, provided participants with an insight into the different subjects they would study as part of a law degree. Students travelled from all over the country to participate in the summer school. Dr Conor Hanly introduced students to criminal law, Ms. Ursula Connolly explored topical issues in tort law, Dr Ciara Smyth examined the Irish asylum system, Dr John Danaher explored game theory

and the law and Dr Brian Tobin led a session on the regulation of surrogacy in Ireland. The secondary school students also had an opportunity to meet with current students of the School of Law and learn about the different undergraduate law programmes that we offer. Dr Máire Áine Ní Mhainnín and Dr Deirdre Byrnes, from the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, spoke about the opportunity to study French, German, Spanish or Italian as part of the undergraduate law programmes offered here at NUI Galway.

The International Criminal Court Summer School 2015

The Irish Centre for Human Rights hosted its annual Summer School on the International Criminal Court in June 2015 at NUI Galway. The summer school was well attended with delegates travelling from all corners of the globe to participate in a lively and enlightening week. The 2015 summer school included a special session on Palestine and the International Criminal Court, a pertinent topic given Palestine's recent accession to the Rome Statute. A number of social activities were included in the programme to ensure an ideal balance of learning and fun. A spirited moot court, during which the delegates put their newfound knowledge to the test, followed by a closing dinner offered the perfect ending to a thoroughly enjoyable week!

Panel on 'Using ICT for environmental regulation'

Law School lecturer Dr Rónán Kennedy organised a panel on 'Using ICT for environmental regulation: Overlaps between privacy and environmental law' at the Computers, Privacy and Data Protection 2015 international conference in January 2015. The event was funded by the Ryan Institute for Environmental, Marine and Energy Research, the Whitaker Institute for Innovation and Societal Change and the College of Business, Public Policy and Law at the National University of Ireland Galway.

For more information on the event, please visit: <http://ict4er.org/cpdp-2015/>



The panel pictured at the CPDP 2015 conference

The Human Right to Health Conference

Under the President's Ethics Initiative, the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at NUI Galway held a conference on the Human Right to Health in February 2015. President Michael D. Higgins opened the event with speakers and panel experts from medicine, law, ethics, international development, health policy and activism backgrounds.

During this interactive and informative event, panels and audience discussed the links between health and human rights, and applications of human rights concepts and methods in addressing health challenges in Ireland and globally.



Conference on Legal Rights of Older People



Speakers at the conference with members of the Mental Health Rights Group

A one-day conference on 'Law and the Older Person' took place in January 2015 to address and discuss a number of key legal and policy issues of relevance to older persons in Ireland. The conference was organised by the Mental Health Rights Group and the LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, School of Law, NUI

Galway in conjunction with the Employment Law Association of Ireland (ELAI).

The conference was timely in examining specific issues of relevance to older people who are often overlooked in decision-making that impacts on their lives, whether at a personal level or more broadly from a societal perspective.

'Law and the Older Person' brought together many leading commentators from the fields of law, medicine and practice including: NUI Galway's Professor Eamon O'Shea and Ursula Connolly; Mervyn Taylor, Service Manager, Sage; Patricia T. Rickard Clarke, Solicitor; Dr Shaun O'Keefe, Geriatrician; Mary Condell, Solicitor; Claire Bruton, Barrister; and Maria Dillon, Solicitor.

Seminar on Tenancy Law in Europe



Professor Christoph Schmid, Director of the Centre of European Law and Politics (ZERP), University of Bremen, German, presented a seminar on tenancy law in Europe at the Law School NUI Galway in February 2015. Professor Schmid is co-ordinator of the TENLAW project – an EU research project on tenancy law across the 28 EU States.

He is pictured with Dr Padraic Kenna, a member of the scientific committee of the TENLAW research project, and Director of the Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy at NUI Galway.

Seminar on Sentencing Guidelines

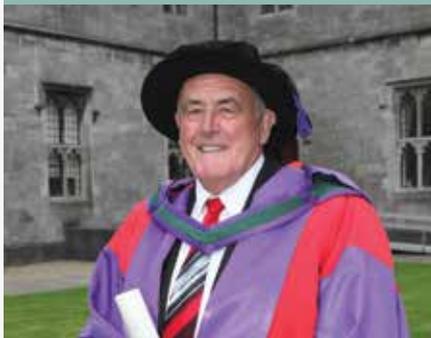


Tom O'Malley, Professor Julian Roberts and staff and students of the School of Law.

A seminar on "Structuring Judicial Discretion at Sentencing: Recent International Developments" was held in November 2014, hosted by the LLM in Public Law. Professor Julian Roberts of the University of Oxford and a member of the English

Sentencing Council, was the guest speaker. This presentation reviewed recent sentencing reform developments in selected jurisdictions with a focus upon sentencing guidelines.

Dr Billy Lawless



Billy Lawless was conferred with an LLD (honoris causa) in June 2015. He was introduced by Larry Donnelly of the School of Law at the conferring ceremony. Born in Galway city, where he began his career in the hospitality business, he emigrated to Chicago in 1998 and opened a number of businesses and formed the Chicago Irish Pub/Restaurant Association in 2001. Billy has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of the Illinois Restaurant Association since 2010. He founded the Chicago Celts for Immigration Reform, is Vice-President of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, a founding member of the Illinois Business Immigration Coalition, a member of the National Democratic Ethnic Coordinating Council and Co-Chair of the Immigration Committee. Billy has always been committed to developing strong links between Chicago and Galway and he has served as Co-Chairman of the Galway Chicago Sister Cities Committee since 1998. In May 2015 he became a Freeman of the City of Galway.

Spending Socially - Achieving Social Value Through Public Procurement



(L to R) Charlotte May-Simera, Pauline O'Dwyer, Employability Galway, Dr Eilionóir Flynn, Lorraine McIlrath, Community Knowledge Initiative, NUI Galway, Derek Nolan TD

This event brought together a unique range of local, national and international experts in the fields of public procurement and social entrepreneurship. The aim was to explore how government spending can be used to further achieve inclusive and integrated societies. The conference discussed the potential uses of social clauses in public contracts and highlighted the social benefits that can be achieved through 'Buying Social' policies already in place in Northern Ireland and in Scotland. The aim was also to increase awareness of the support and capacity-building needed on behalf of third sector organisations and businesses to engage in tendering processes. Specifically, the intention was to focus on developing social enterprises that focus on creating employment opportunities for marginalised groups.

LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy graduate, Charlotte May-Simera, organised this successful conference on social spending having successfully applied for funding from the Irish Research Council with the help of her colleagues Dr. Sinead Keogh, Lorraine McIlrath of the Community Knowledge Initiative and Pauline O'Dwyer of Employability Galway. Together this team presented the conference findings to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform Brendan Howlin and Galway West TD, Derek Nolan, during a meeting at which the Minister announced that he would develop guidance for social spending for government departments. Charlotte is currently undertaking a PhD in the Centre for Disability Law and Policy on inclusive employment strategies.

Launch of ground-breaking book on Genetic Discrimination



(L to R) Professor Gerard Quinn, CDLP, Dr Delia Ferri, Maynooth University, Professor Emerita Henriette Roscam Abbing, Marian Harkin MEP, Dr Aisling de Paor, DCU and Professor Noel Lowndes, Centre for Chromosome Biology, NUI Galway

MEP, Marian Harkin, and members of the judiciary, as well as leading figures from the areas of disability and genetics joined in December 2014 at the European Commission Representation Office in Dublin to launch 'Genetic Discrimination

- Transatlantic Perspectives on the Case for a European Level Legal Response'. The book was edited by Professor Gerard Quinn, CDLP alumna Dr Aisling de Paor (DCU) and Professor Peter Blanck (Burton Blatt Institute, Syracuse University,

USA). It focuses particularly on the legislative and policy framework in the European Union emphasising gaps in protection and the scope for specific legislative action in the area of genetic discrimination.

Alumni News

Mathilda Twomey Appointed as Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Seychelles



Congratulations to LLM in Public Law graduate, Mathilda Twomey, who was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Seychelles on 18 August 2015.

Chief Justice Twomey served as a barrister first in the Ocean Gate Law Centre as pupil to Justice Francis MacGregor, then in the Attorney General's Chambers, subsequently as an attorney-at-law in private chambers and a member of the Constitutional Commission before moving to Ireland in 1995

She graduated with a BA in English and French Law from the University of Kent, Canterbury, holds a degree in French Law from the University of Paris-Sud and was admitted as a Member of the Bar at Middle Temple, London, and as an Attorney-at-Law in Seychelles.

She holds a Master's Degree in Public Law and has completed her PhD research under the joint supervision of Marie McGonagle of NUIG and Dr Seán Donlan of UL, and will defend her thesis in early September.

Ms. Justice Carmel Stewart Receives Alumni Award



The NUI Galway Alumni Award for Law, Public Policy and Government, sponsored by Bank of Ireland, was this year presented to the Hon. Ms. Justice Carmel Stewart (BA 1983, LLB 1985). Ms. Justice Stewart was appointed to the High Court in the past year having served for a number of years as a judge of the Circuit Court. In July, she was also appointed to the Law Reform Commission, as a part-time Commissioner, replacing Ms. Justice Marie Baker.

A video of Judge Stewart speaking on the occasion of her alumni award in March 2015 can be viewed via our YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/NUIGSchoolofLaw>

Ms. Justice Mary Faherty Appointed to the High Court



Congratulations to Ms. Justice Mary Faherty who was appointed to the High Court in the past year. Ms. Justice Faherty is a BA and LLB graduate of NUIG and was called to the Bar in 1986. She was appointed Chairperson of the Employment Appeals Tribunal in 1995 and served a term of office as President of the European Association of Labour Court Judges. She was appointed Senior Counsel in 2001 and a Judge of the Circuit Court in 2002. Ms. Justice Faherty was appointed as a member of the Tribunal of Inquiry into Certain Planning Matters and Payments (otherwise known as the Mahon Tribunal) in 2002 and was also elected as a judge of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal in 2011, serving as its president from 2012 to 2014. She was awarded the NUI Galway Alumni Award for Law, Public Service and Government in 2006.

Appointments to the District Court

Two NUIG graduates, Marie Keane and John King, were appointed to the District Court in May 2015. Judge Keane, who is a graduate of the BA and LLB programmes at NUIG, qualified as a solicitor in 1994. She was a member of the Family Law Committee of the Law Society, a founding member of the Family Law Mediation Group and a member of the panel for the Mental Health Commission.

Judge John King qualified as a solicitor in 1993. He was a partner in Hennessy & Co. Solicitors in Cork and has wide experience in conveyancing, probate, revenue law, personal injury and criminal law.



Judge Marie Keane



(L to R) Judge Rosemary Horgan, President of the District Court, Judge John King and the Chief Justice of Ireland, Ms. Justice Susan Denham

Appointments to the Circuit Court

Three graduates of NUI Galway, Judge Eugene O'Kelly, Mr. Francis Comerford, BL and John Hannan, BL, were nominated by the Government for appointment to the Circuit Court in December 2014. Judge Comerford taught for many years in the School of Law and is remembered fondly by generations of graduates as a most generous and thoughtful lecturer.



Judge Francis Comerford being presented with a gift from colleagues in the School of Law to mark his judicial appointment - a limited edition print of the Quadrangle - by the Chief Justice of Ireland, Ms. Justice Susan Denham at the Annual Distinguished Lecture 2015



Judge Eugene O'Kelly



Judge John Hannan

Kevin Donoghue



Congratulations and best wishes to LLB and BA (Legal Studies) graduate Kevin Donoghue on his election as the new President of the Union of Students in Ireland. Kevin Donoghue is from Doocastle in Mayo and previously served as both Education and Campaigns Officer for the BMW region in the USI. During his time in NUI Galway he served as a member of the Students' Union executive and was a class rep for two years. Kevin graduated with an LLB in 2013 after studying Legal Studies and Philosophy for his Arts degree.

Deirdre Fottrell, QC



Congratulations to NUI Galway graduate, Deirdre Fottrell, QC, who was called to the Inner Bar in London in February. Deirdre is pictured with her parents, Pat Fottrell (former President of NUI Galway) and Esther Fottrell outside Westminster Hall.

Shane Burke



Congratulations to BA and LLB graduate, Shane Burke, who, for two years in succession, has been awarded the Modern Law Review Scholarship to support his doctoral studies at Queen Mary, University of London. Shane is doing a doctorate on copyright and conceptual art under the supervision of Jonathan Griffiths and Uma Suthersanen. Shane has recently been appointed as a lecturer in Cardiff University.

Mark Mellett



Rear Admiral Mark Mellett was announced in July 2015 as the new Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces. Rear Admiral Mellett has a PhD (2009) NUI Galway where he was co-supervised by Professor Ronán Long.

Rear Admiral Mellett will become the first Navy officer to take over the highest rank of Chief of Staff in the Irish Defence Forces. His first command was the LÉ Orla in 1992 and he subsequently commanded the LÉ Ciara in 1997 and the Irish Naval Flagship LÉ Eithne in 2005.

Rear Admiral Mellett has held a broad range of appointments in naval headquarters and prior to his appointment as flag officer in 2010 he was Officer Commanding Naval Operations Command. Rear Admiral Mellett was also Commandant of the Naval College and Associate Head of the National Maritime College of Ireland.

Besides citations for service in Afghanistan (2004) and Lebanon (1989), as Captain of LÉ Orla (1994) he was honoured by becoming the Navy's second officer recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) in recognition of the role of his ship in the detention of the drug smuggling yacht Brime.

Rear Admiral Mellett is a founding member of the Irish Maritime and Energy Resource Cluster (IMERC) and a member of its governing authority.

LLM Graduate Appointed as Attorney General of Zambia



Graduate of the LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy, Mr. Likando Kalaluka (right), being sworn in as Attorney General of Zambia by Republican President of Zambia, Mr. Edgar Lungu.

YouTube Annual Distinguished Lecture 2015



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Mayor of Boston, Marty Walsh, during his visit to NUI Galway in September 2014, with Larry Donnelly, Lecturer in Law, NUIG

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